

**TWHBEA Versatility Program
Superior/Supreme Award Revisions
To Take Effect January 1, 2010**

Changes to Qualifying Divisions for the Versatility Program:

Current

English Pleasure
Western Pleasure
2-gaited TWH Pleasure
Dressage
Judged Pleasure Rides
Competitive Riding
Endurance Riding
Equitation (youth only)
Showmanship (youth only)
Model/Halter
Pleasure Driving
Versatility Driving
Basic Reining
Western Riding
Obstacle Trail Class
TWH Over Fences
Barrel Racing
Pole Bending
Water Glass
Promotion

Proposed

English Pleasure
Western Pleasure
2-gaited TWH Pleasure
Dressage
Judged Pleasure Rides
Competitive Riding
Endurance Riding
Equitation (youth and adult)
Showmanship (youth and adult)
Model/Halter
Pleasure Driving
Versatility Driving
Basic Reining
Western Riding
Obstacle Trail Class
TWH Over Fences
Timed Speed Events
Untimed Game Events
Hunter Hack
Promotion

Revisions/Clarifications to Qualifying Divisions Descriptions:

- 1) Bareback classes will count as points in Untimed Game Events except for Bareback Equitation, which will be counted as Equitation provided it is a 3 gait class with a pattern.
- 2) Country Pleasure classes will count as points for English Pleasure, Western Pleasure, or 2-gait TWH Pleasure depending on the class description at the show.
- 3) Saddleseat equitation, Walking Seat equitation, Hunt Seat equitation, Stock Seat equitation, and Western horsemanship will all count as points under the Equitation Division but the classes must be three gaited. Two gaited equitation classes do not count towards points in any division.
- 4) Hunter Hack rules will be written to correspond to those rules for Hunter Hack for USEF. Equipment will be the same as in TWH Over Fences: English equipment, helmet, snaffle, Kimberwick, or Pelham bit.
- 5) Both hunter over fences and jumping classes will count for points under the TWH Over Fences Division. (Note: A TWH Over Fences class is to be judged as a hunter over fences class as per the Versatility Program Rulebook.)
- 6) Timed Speed Events will include any class where the final time is the sole factor in determining the class placings. This division includes Pole Bending, Barrel Racing, Stake Race, Catalog Race, Keyhole Race, and other gymkhana speed events.
- 7) The Untimed Game Events will include any game class where skill is the factor in determining class placings. This division includes, but is not limited to, Water/Champaign/Beer Glass Classes, Ride-A-Buck, and Egg and Spoon.
- 8) The Promotion Division will be limited to exhibition at promotional events. This may include, but is not necessarily limited to, horse expositions, parades, breed demonstrations, public clinics, television appearances, and multi-breed challenge competitions.

Changes to Points System for the Versatility Program:

Current: One point is received for each three entries a participant places over, with a maximum of 5 points in any single class for 1st place, 4 points for 2nd place, 3 points for 3rd place, 2 points for 4th place, and 1 point for 5th place. No points are awarded for placements lower than 5th, regardless of the number of entries. A promotional point is awarded in classes where there are three or fewer entries. The World Versatility Show is a double points show.

Proposed: One point is received for each three entries a participant places over, with a maximum of 5 points in any single class for 1st place, 4 points for 2nd place, 3 points for 3rd place, 2 points for 4th place, and 1 point for 5th place. **A maximum of ½ point will be awarded for entries tying 6th through 10th place, as long as that entry places over three horses. In classes where there are three or fewer entries, ½ point will be awarded to** be counted in the division the class qualifies for. **Example: If an entry ties 2nd out of three entries in a Lite Shod English 3 gait class, that entry will receive ½ point for the English Pleasure Division.** At this time, the World Versatility Show remains the only double points show.

Changes to the Requirements for the Youth Superior Versatility Championship Award:

Current: Awarded to the horse/rider combination that earns 55 or more points in any 9 events with no less than 5 points in any single division. It is mandatory that 10 or more points be earned in versatility performance divisions with a minimum of 5 points in any 2 of the following divisions: Trail Obstacle Class, Pleasure Driving, TWH Over Fences, Basic Reining, Western Riding, Barrel Racing, or Pole Bending.

Proposed: Awarded to the horse/rider combination that earns 55 or more points in any 9 division with no less than 5 points in any single division of the 9. **It is mandatory that a minimum of 5 points be earned in English or Western Pleasure, but not a combination of the two divisions, and a minimum of 5 points be earned in Model/Halter or Showmanship, but not a combination of the two divisions.** It is also mandatory that **15 or more points** be earned in versatility performance divisions with a minimum of 5 points in any **3** of the following divisions: Trail Obstacle Class, Pleasure Driving, TWH Over Fences, Basic Reining, Western Riding, **Timed Speed Events, Untimed Game Events, Versatility Driving, and Dressage.**

Changes to the Requirements for the Adult Supreme Versatility Championship Award:

Current: Awarded to the horse that:

- 1) Earns 70 or more points
- 2) Already achieved championship status
- 3) Wins at least 40 or more points in recognized versatility and model classes
- 4) Earns 15 points or more in model/halter
- 5) Earns 24 points or more in versatility performance with a minimum of 8 points in at least 3 of the following divisions: English Pleasure, Western Pleasure, Water Glass, Pole Bending, Barrel Racing, Endurance/Competitive Riding, or Versatility Driving
- 6) Earns 16 points with at least 8 points in two of the following divisions: Obstacle Trail Class, Pleasure Driving, TWH Over Fences, Basic Reining, or Western Riding

Proposed: Awarded to the horse/rider combination that earns **100 or more points in any 10 divisions with no less than 5 points in any single division of the 10.** It is mandatory **that the horse have achieved champion status. It is mandatory** that a minimum of 5 points be earned in **English or Western Pleasure, but not a combination of the two divisions, and a minimum of 5 points be earned in Model/Halter or Showmanship, but not a combination of the two divisions.** It is also mandatory that **20 or more points** be earned in versatility performance divisions with a minimum of 5 points in any **4** of the following divisions: Trail Obstacle Class, Pleasure Driving, TWH Over Fences, Basic Reining, Western Riding, **Timed Speed Events, Untimed Game Events, Versatility Driving, and Dressage.**

Changes to Awards and Fees for the Versatility Program:

- 1) Each Superior Championship team will be awarded **\$500**, their choice of a cooler, belt buckle, or chair, and 10% off an ad in the VOICE Magazine. The winner may also submit a photo for the Hall of Fame at the TWHBEA Headquarters.
- 2) Each Supreme Championship team will be awarded **\$500**, their choice of a cooler, belt buckle, or chair, and 10% off an ad in the VOICE Magazine. The winner may also submit a photo for the Hall of Fame at the TWHBEA Headquarters.
- 3) **There will be a one time entry fee of \$25 per horse/rider combination nominated.**

Those that sign up for the Versatility program on or after January 1, 2010 will automatically be under the new requirements. Horses that have won the Supreme Championship can be nominated to gather points toward another Supreme Championship as a horse/rider combination under the new requirements, as long as the rider in that combination did not ride the horse for points gathered to win the first Supreme Championship award. Those that are already participating in the Versatility program under the previous requirements and have not already won a Superior or Supreme Championship with a given horse, will have the option of paying a one time only \$25 fee to upgrade to the new awards package outlined above.